



Profile: Children CFSA Serves

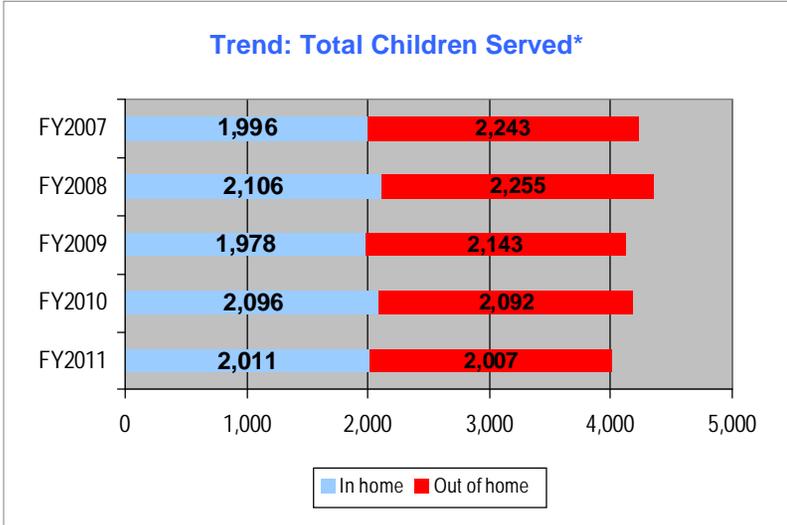
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Child Welfare Population is Declining: Number of children in the child welfare system has declined fairly steadily from 7,500 in 2003 to 4,000 today. Number of children served at home is now equal to children in out-of-home care. ☹️

Trend: Children in Care by Gender



Gender Balance: For many years, boys and girls have been about equally represented in out-of-home care.

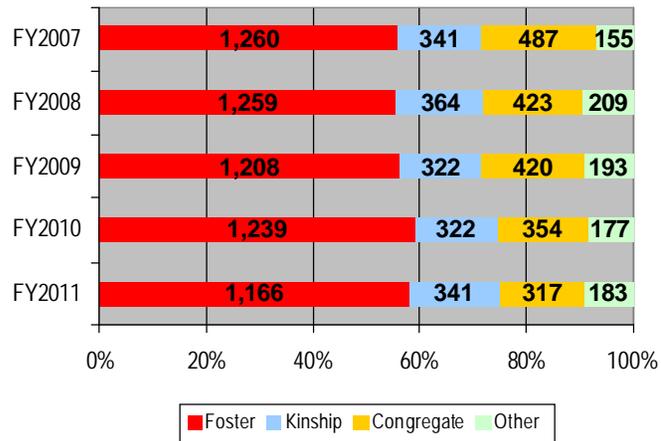
Trend: Children in Care by Age*

Age	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Trend
0-3	282 (12%)	308 (14%)	324 (15%)	321 (15%)	291 (14%)	↔️
4-8	317 (14%)	345 (15%)	345 (16%)	384 (18%)	366 (18%)	↔️
9-12	324 (14%)	304 (14%)	277 (13%)	283 (14%)	281 (14%)	↔️
13-15	402 (18%)	389 (17%)	312 (14%)	287 (14%)	260 (13%)	↔️
16-18	622 (28%)	576 (26%)	550 (26%)	485 (23%)	462 (23%)	↔️
18-21	296 (14%)	329 (14%)	333 (16%)	342 (16%)	347 (18%)	↔️
Total	2,243	2,255	2,143	2,092	2,007	↔️

☹️ **Groundswell of Youth:** Proportion of older youth in care, ages 13-21, peaked at 60% in 2007 and is now slowly declining to 54% today. CFSA is seeing a slight rise in children ages 4-8 while other age groups remain flat.



Trend: Children in Care by Placement Type*



☞ **Most Children in Family Settings:** The majority of children and youth in care are in foster homes where they experience a family environment. CFSA continues to succeed in reducing the number of youth in congregate care and to strive to place more children and youth with their relatives (kinship care).



* Data for FY07-FY10 are point in time as of September 30 (last day of fiscal year). Data for FY11 are point in time as of December 31, 2010 (last day of FY11 Q1).